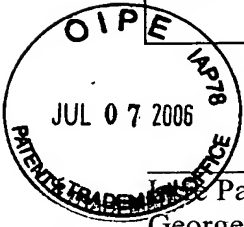


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SYSTEM**

Examiner: V. Perungavoor

**REPLY BRIEF**

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Dear Sir:

As required under § 41.41(a)(1), this Reply Brief is filed within two months of the Examiner's Answer dated June 8, 2006, and is in furtherance of the Appeal Brief filed on December 27, 2005.

No fee is required for this REPLY BRIEF.

This brief contains items under the following headings pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 1208:

- I. Status of Claims
- II. Ground of Rejection to be Reviewed on Appeal
- III. Argument
- IV. Conclusion

## I. STATUS OF CLAIMS

The status of claims remains as identified in the Appeal Brief submitted December 27, 2005, wherein claims 1-29 stand rejected and are presented for appeal.

## II. GROUNDS OF REJECTION TO BE REVIEWED ON APPEAL

The grounds of rejection to be reviewed remain as identified in the Appeal Brief submitted December 27, 2005, which are as follows:

1. Claims 1 and 3-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Publication No. 2002/011639 issued to Chefalas et al. (hereinafter "*Chefalas*").

2. Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Chefalas* in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,279,113 to Vaidya (hereinafter "*Vaidya*").

## III. ARGUMENT

Appellant respectfully notes that in response to the Final Office Action mailed August 31, 2005, Appellant filed a Notice of Appeal followed by a supporting Appeal Brief (dated December 27, 2005). The Examiner then mailed an Answer on January 19, 2006. On March 10, 2006, Appellant submitted a Reply Brief with an Amended Appeal Brief, which merely added headings for each ground of rejection in order to ensure compliance with 37 C.F.R. §41.37. The Amended Appeal Brief did not present new substantive arguments.

In response to the Reply Brief and the Amended Appeal Brief submitted March 10, 2006, the Examiner mailed a second Examiner's Answer (dated June 8, 2006), which is identical in substance to the first Examiner's Answer of January 19, 2006. Because Appellant's arguments submitted in the Reply Brief of March 10, 2006 (in conjunction with the arguments presented in the Appeal Brief of December 27, 2005 and repeated in the Amended Appeal Brief of March 10, 2006) adequately respond to the Examiner's reasoning and traverse the grounds of rejection, Appellant respectfully hereby stands on those arguments. That is, Appellant respectfully reasserts those arguments previously presented on this appeal, and requests that the Board overturn the outstanding rejections for the reasons detailed in the previously submitted Appeal and Reply Briefs.

IV. CONCLUSION

Appellant respectfully requests that the Board overturn the rejections of pending claims 1-29 for the above reasons.

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TRANSMITTAL OF REPLY BRIEF

Transmitted herewith is the Reply Brief with respect to the Examiner's Answer mailed on June 8, 2006.

This Reply Brief is being filed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.193(b) within two months of the date of the Examiner's Answer.

(Note: Extensions of time are not allowed under 37 CFR 1.136(a))

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